



# APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN ADVOCATES

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The Honorable Shawn M. Garvin  
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RE: Section 404 of the Clean Water Act pending permit for the Consol of Kentucky, Inc.  
("Consol"), Buffalo Mountain Surface Mine, Mingo County West Virginia.

Dear Administrator Garvin:

We are sending Region 3 of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") supplemental comments on the pending Section 404 permit for Consol's Buffalo Mountain Surface Mine because of our extreme concern over the environmental, community and health impacts that will be caused if the mine is permitted. The comments are sent on behalf of Sierra Club, Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition, Coal River Mountain Watch, and West Virginia Highlands Conservancy.

We ask that Region 3 carefully consider our comments and veto the pending 404 permit now before the Huntington District of the Corps and EPA.

Sincerely,

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